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SUBJ: S&T AGREEMENT WITH KOREA

REFS: (A) SEOUL 7291, (B) STATE 190342

1. IN ADDITIONAL CONTACTS WITH ROK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) TREATIES DIVISION CONCERNING US-ROK S&T AGREEMENT, EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT PROPOSED AGREEMENT HAS BEEN DULY EXAMINED AND FOLLOWING CHANGES SUGGESTED: (A) IN INTRODUCTORY PREAMBLE, MOVEMENT OF CLAUSE BEGINNING WITH THE WORD "RECOGNIZING" TO THE LEFT MARGIN OF THE TEXT, PLACING IT EVEN WITH THE CLAUSE BEGINNING "THE GOVERNMENT." THE FIRST LETTER ONLY OF "RECOGNIZING" IS CAPITALIZED VICE ALL UPPER CASE USED IN INFO COPY PROVIDED BY OES/NET/RD. (B) ALSO IN INTRODUCTORY PREAMBLE, ALL LETTERS OF THE WORD "HAVE" ARE LOWER CASE VICE UPPER CASE USED IN OES DRAFT. (C) IN ARTICLE FOUR, WORDING REARRANGED TO READ: "SCIENTISTS, TECHNICAL EXPERTS, GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF THIRD COUNTRIES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE, IN APPROPRIATE CASES, INVITED..." (BALANCE OF TEXT IDENTICAL WITH THAT PROVIDED BY OES). (D) IN ARTICLE FIVE, MOVEMENT OF THE WORDS "ENGAGED IN" TO NEW LOCATION BETWEEN WORDS "PERSONNEL" AND "COOPERATIVE" WITH NEW READING BECOMING "... AND THAT OF ITS PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT." (E) ALSO IN ARTICLE FIVE, ORIGINAL WORD "COSTS" CHANGED TO SINGULAR "COST." (F) IN ARTICLE NINE, INSERT COMMAS AFTER WORD "AVAILABLE" AND AFTER WORD "CIRCUMSTANCES." (G) IN ARTICLE NINE, FIRST LETTER OF WORD "AGREEMENT" PLACED IN UPPER CASE VICE LOWER CASE IN OES DRAFT. (H) IN ARTICLE

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ELEVEN, INSERTION OF WORD "BEING" BETWEEN WORDS "BOTH" AND

"EQUALLY."

2. IN SUGGESTING ABOVE CHANGES MOFA TREATIES DIVISION CHIEF LEE CHANG-CHOON (MC/R: YI CHANG-CHUN) NOTED THAT ONCE APPROVAL RECEIVED FROM STATE, ROK MOFA WOULD SUBMIT AGREEMENT TO STATE COUNCIL FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURE. DATE OF SIGNING, WHICH HE ESTIMATED IN LATE OCTOBER/EARLY NOVEMBER WOULD OF COURSE DEPEND UPON SCHEDULES OF TWO SIGNATORIES, ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PAK AND AMBASSADOR SNEIDER.

3. ABOVE NEW DRAFT INCORPORATING ROK-SUGGESTED CHANGES ALONG WITH KOREAN LANGUAGE (HANGUL) OFFICIAL ROKG TEXT ARE BEING POUCHED, ATTENTION OES/NET/RD. MOFA WILL ALSO PROVIDE ROK EMBASSY-WASHINGTON WITH ENGLISH AND KOREAN LANGUAGE VERSIONS FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

4. FYI: MOFA STILL SEEMS SOMEWHAT PIQUED BY "UNAUTHORIZED" INVOLVEMENT OF THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY AND HAVE REQUESTED THAT STATE AWAIT ROK EMBASSY RECEIPT OF NEW DRAFT AND KOREAN LANGUAGE TEXT (EARLY OCTOBER) PRIOR TO ANY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ROK EMBASSY AND OES.

5. APPRECIATE COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE SOONEST.
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